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EASTERN EUROPE

Albania

1. Plans for Albanian Coup

In a letter to the assistant military attache in Turkey, dated 14 June 1940, Ghazi Khan Bessolt, a Caucasian refugee who has been in Turkey since World War I and who claims to be an old and close friend of Zog, discusses present Albanian conditions and briefly outlines his plan to return Zog to power by a coup d'etat. The U. S. Military Attache in Turkey writes in forwarding the letter that during the past several years he has found much of the information from this source to be both accurate and useful. He adds that Bessolt either is employed by the Turkish National Security Service or works closely with them.

Bessolt states that if a coup is to be a success, Americans should not contact any Albanian whatsoever. "Persons such as Mehdi Frasheri (regent), Mithat Frasheri (leader of the National Party), Mustapha Kruja (prime minister during the Italian occupation), Refai Aliotti, etc. etc. have been completely frustrated," he adds. He goes on to suggest that he do the preliminary work in his capacity as "liaison officer" between American and Albania, and as an intermediary between King Zog and Albanian circles.

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According to Messolt the moment is favorable for overthrowing the Communist regime in Albania provided, however, the following conditions are met:

1. Greece, if possible with the Western Powers, must recognize the Albanian frontiers of 1913, i.e., the frontiers prior to the Italian invasion of 1939.
2. The initiative should be taken by the Albanian forces abroad, the number of whom should be 1,500 to 2,000.
3. Direct contact should be established with leaders of the resistance whether abroad or inside the country.
4. Funds for this operation should be supplied by the Western Powers.

Comment: Messolt's letter indicates that at the time of writing he had not discussed the details of his plan with Zog or with resistance leaders. However, if his claim of intimacy with the King is accepted, it would appear likely that this may be a left-handed appeal for U. S. aid from the Zog camp. Furthermore, in view of Messolt's relations with the Turks, this might represent an attempt on their part to ascertain U. S. views regarding the Albanian situation.

Letter from U. S. Military
Attache in Turkey to
Director of Intelligence,
13 July 1949, Secret

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Yugoslavia

8. Yugoslavian Infiltration of Albania

Our Embassy in Belgrade estimates that the Yugoslav economic situation will be critical in the next six to twelve months because of recent unfavorable economic developments in Yugoslavia and the unlikelihood of substantial dollar credits soon. Without early financial assistance, the Embassy states, Tito may be so weakened that Yugoslavia will be unable to resist Cominform pressures.

This deficiency of money is now reported to be hindering Yugoslav infiltration of Albania. The Yugoslav Consul General in Paris, Ivor Holier, reportedly stated early in July that if his government were able to spend more money Albania would soon be following the Tito policy line; already, he indicated, Albanians close to cabinet rank are collaborating with Tito. This lack of funds, furthermore, is reported to have delayed Yugoslav payment for five oil rigs and equipment from Germany -- material with which Yugoslavia hoped within six months to participate in Albanian oil production.

State Cable, Belgrade #076
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Bulgaria

3. Resistance Movement Advocated

Our Embassy in Bulgaria urges the immediate formation of a Bulgarian resistance movement directed from outside Bulgaria. The organization would be composed of Bulgarian refugees in Greece, and its operations would be coordinated with Greek resistance to Communist action. The recommendation is for such Bulgarian resistance to be on a small scale and conducted with the utmost secrecy. The latest types of communication, arms and other equipment, as well as financial support, should be supplied by private sources. It is estimated that evidence of organized opposition to the Communists now ruling Bulgaria would seriously weaken Communist confidence and control there.

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WESTERN EUROPE

Germany

4. **No Western Zone Broadcasts to Eastern Zone**

Tagesspiegel, U. S. licensed newspaper, calls for radio broadcasts from Western Germany to Western Germany to combat propaganda broadcasts from the Russian Zone. No West German station ever broadcasts to Eastern Germany, and Tagesspiegel wants a German-controlled station licensed to remedy this situation.

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Mexico

5. **American Continental Congress for World Peace Called**

Two hundred Americans have sponsored a congress for world peace to be held in Mexico City September 5 - 10. Intellectuals from Canada, Brazil, Argentina, Costa Rica, Cuba, Mexico, and Uruguay are expected to attend. Enrique Gonzalez Martines, "Dean of Mexican poets," will be president of the congress and Dr. Linus Pauling, scientist, and Dr. W. F. O. DuBois, sociologist will serve as U. S. vice-presidents.

U. S. endorsers of the Congress include Dr. Harlow Shapley, Paul Robeson, W. John Hodge, and Henry Wallace. Other U. S. sponsors are Corlies Lamont, Thomas Mann, Vito Marcantonio, and Clifford Gaste.

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China

6. Chinese Anti-Communist Organization

The formation of the China Democratic Association, comprising about fifty members of the Chinese Legislative Yuan, was announced late in June. Pledged to resist Communism and promote democracy in China, the Association is seeking United States support. Its leader, Chang Chien-Kuo, approached the U. S. consul in Hongkong recently to outline his group's aims and to suggest that with U. S. financial assistance the Association might well become a rallying point for all Chinese who are anti-Communist and anti-Kuomintang. The State Department has directed the consul to maintain contact with Chang, but to inform him that the United States cannot give financial aid to a Chinese political group.

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